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Viewing cable 08BERLIN1068, s) germany requests release of xxxxxxxxxxxx

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08BERLIN1068	2008-08-06 07:27	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Berlin

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.spiegel.de>

VZCZCXRO4409
PP RUEHDE
DE RUEHRL #1068 2190727
ZNY SSSSS ZZH
P 060727Z AUG 08
FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1851
INFO RUCNFRG/FRG COLLECTIVE
RUEHAD/AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI 0154
RUEHDE/AMCONSUL DUBAI 0107

S e c r e t berlin 001068

Sipdis
state for isn/mtr (herrmann), eur/ce, and eur/prs (hardiman)

E.o. 12958: decl: 08/06/2033
Tags: parm, prel, ettc, mcre, ksca, ir, aec, gm
Subject: (s) germany requests release of xxxxxxxxxxxx
nonpaper to the german criminal customs office (zka)

Ref: a. State 77660
b. Berlin 1000

Classified By: Global Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown for
reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (u) this is an action request. Please see para 4.

¶2. (S) The German MFA requested USG permission to release the REF A nonpaper to the German Customs Office of Criminal Investigation (ZKA) (not/not for further dissemination) in support of a continued investigation. It appears as though the ZKA investigation into xxxxxxxxxxxxxx is still active, contrary to a previous MFA statement, but this case has not progressed to the German court system.

¶3. (S) On August 4, German MFA Export Control Division Desk Officer, Wiebke Wacker, told Global Affairs Officer that the ZKA had asked her office for additional information regarding the business dealings between xxxxxxxxxxxxxx business and Iran's primary solid fuel missile developer, the Shahid Bakeri Industrial Group (SBIG). (Comment: Wacker had previously indicated (REF B) that the ZKA halted their investigation into xxxxxxxxxxxxxx due to a lack of evidence linking xxxxxxxxxxxxxx with SBIG. End Comment). In response to the ZKA request, Wacker informed the ZKA of the REF A nonpaper passed to her on July 21 but told them that she could release the information due to a restriction on third party dissemination stated in the nonpaper's caveat. She informed the ZKA that she would make the appropriate request through U.S. Embassy Berlin. (Comment: It should be noted that the REF A nonpaper was classified as SECRET//REL GERMANY, so there might not be any issue releasing this nonpaper to the ZKA. End Comment).

¶4. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Post requests Department guidance in responding to the dissemination request posed in paragraph

¶3. Koenig